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The Survey Health Status and Functioning file includes data about the sample person's health including height and weight, self-assessments of vision and hearing, history of medical conditions, functioning, among others.

From 1991 through 1996, this file contained one record for each person who completed an interview whether in the community or facility. This changed in 1997 when the facility instrument was converted to a Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing format. Since then, this file contains data from community interviews only; RIC 2F contains similar data from facility interviews.

RIC	1	2			C Record Identification Code
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BASEID	4	8	\$BSIDFMT		C Unique SP Identification Number
			17,078		LOW-HIGH BASEID Count
GENHELTH	12	2	GENHFMT	HS1	N General hlth compare to others same age
			20		. Missing
			2		-9 Not ascertained
			28		-8 Don't know
			2		-7 Refused
			2,587		1 Excellent
			4,349		2 Very good
			5,220		3 Good
			3,325		4 Fair
			1,545		5 Poor
COMPHLTH	14	3	COMPFMT	HS1a	N Health compared to one year ago
			20		. Missing
			2		-9 Not ascertained
			26		-8 Don't know
			2		-7 Refused
			773		1 Much better
			1,951		2 Somewhat better
			10,429		3 About the same
			3,216		4 Somewhat worse
			659		5 Much worse

Note: First available in 1996

HELMTACT	17	2	TIMEFMT	HS2	N Health limits social activity in past mo
			20		. Missing
			2		-9 Not ascertained
			18		-8 Don't know
			3		-7 Refused
			10,597		1 None of the time
			3,574		2 Some of the time
			1,663		3 Most of the time
			1,201		4 All of the time

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ECHELP	19	2	BLNDFMT		HS3		N SP wear eyeglasses/contact lenses
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				14,835			1 Yes
				2,082			2 No
				132			3 Blind
ECTROUB	21	2	LOOKFMT		HS4		N Description of SP vision
				161			. Inapplicable
				28			-8 Don't know
				10,044			1 No trouble
				5,230			2 Little trouble
				1,615			3 Lot of trouble
Note: Applies only if ECHHELP = 1 or 2							
EYEEEXAM	23	3	YES1FMT		HS4a		N SP had eye exam within past yr
				152			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				108			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				9,425			1 Yes
				7,388			2 No
Notes: Applies only if ECHHELP = 1 or 2 First available in 1996							
LASTEXAM	26	3	LASTFMT		HS4b		N How long since last eye exam
				9,690			. Inapplicable
				164			-8 Don't know
				205			1 Never had an eye exam
				3,044			2 1 year to less than 2 years
				2,607			3 2 years to less than 5 years
				1,368			4 5 years or more
Notes: Applies only if EYEEEXAM = 2 First available in 1996							
ECCATOP	29	2	YES1FMT		HS5		N SP ever had operation for cataracts
				110			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				17			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				3,758			1 Yes
				13,189			2 No

Note: Applies to new panel SPs who are not blind; in 2002, asked of blind also

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HCHELP	31	2	DEAFFMT		HS6		N Does SP use hearing aid
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				4			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,796			1 Yes
				15,202			2 No
				51			3 Deaf
HCTROUB	33	2	LOOKFMT		HS7		N Description of SP hearing
				80			. Inapplicable
				11			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				9,873			1 No trouble
				5,761			2 Little trouble
				1,352			3 Lot of trouble
Note: Applies only if HCHELP = 1 or 2							
DCTROUB	35	2	YES2FMT		HS8		N Diff eating solid foods b/c teeth prob
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				6			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,014			1 Yes
				15,032			2 No
HEIGHTFT	37	2	HEITFMT		HS9		N Height of SP--feet
				20			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				45			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				17,009			Height in feet
HEIGHTIN	39	2	INCHFMT		HS9		N Height of SP--inches
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				92			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				16,961			0-11 Inch portion of height
WEIGHT	41	3	WEITFMT		HS10		N Weight of SP in pounds
				20			. Missing
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				132			-8 Don't know
				42			-7 Refused
				1			0-50 0-50 Pounds
				516			51-100 51-100 Pounds
				6,900			101-150 101-150 Pounds
				7,396			151-200 151-200 Pounds
				1,752			201-250 201-250 Pounds
				261			251-300 251-300 Pounds
				42			301-350 301-350 Pounds
				13			351-400 351-400 Pounds
				2			Over 400 Pounds

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MAMMOGRM	44	2	YES1FMT	HS11			N Had mammogram/breast X-ray since last yr
				7,545			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				50			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3,901			1 Yes
				5,580			2 No
				Note: Inapplicable if SP is male			
PAPSMEAR	46	2	YES1FMT	HS12			N SP had a Pap smear since a year ago?
				7,545			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				72			-8 Don't know
				1			-7 Refused
				3,120			1 Yes
				6,339			2 No
				Note: Inapplicable if SP is male			
HYSTEREC	48	2	YES1FMT	HS13			N SP ever had hysterectomy
				11,009			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				38			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,576			1 Yes
				3,452			2 No
				Note: Applies to females in supplemental sample or where PAPNHYST = 2			
FLUSHOT	50	2	YES2FMT	HS14			N SP have flu shot for last winter
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				119			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				10,934			1 Yes
				6,000			2 No
FLUNEED	52	3	IND1FMT	HS14a			N No flu shot b/c didn't know was needed
				11,078			. Inapplicable
				39			-8 Don't know
				1,480			1 Indicated
				4,481			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if RIC2, FLUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			
FLUCAUSE	55	3	IND1FMT	HS14a			N No flu shot b/c could cause flu
				11,078			. Inapplicable
				39			-8 Don't know
				985			1 Indicated
				4,976			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if RIC2, FLUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			

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FLUSIDE	58	3	IND1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c could have side effects
				11,078			. Inapplicable
				39			-8 Don't know
				890			1 Indicated
				5,071			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if RIC2, FLUSHOT = 2			
				First available in 1996			
FLUPRVNT	61	3	IND1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c didn't think prevent flu
				11,078			. Inapplicable
				39			-8 Don't know
				686			1 Indicated
				5,275			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if RIC2, FLUSHOT = 2			
				First available in 1996			
FLURISK	64	3	IND1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c of risk of catching flu
				11,078			. Inapplicable
				39			-8 Don't know
				429			1 Indicated
				5,532			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if RIC2, FLUSHOT = 2			
				First available in 1996			
FLUDOCNO	67	3	IND1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c Dr didn't recommend it
				11,078			. Inapplicable
				39			-8 Don't know
				364			1 Indicated
				5,597			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if RIC2, FLUSHOT = 2			
				First available in 1996			
FLUAGNST	70	3	IND1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c Dr against/allergic to
				11,078			. Inapplicable
				39			-8 Don't know
				323			1 Indicated
				5,638			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if RIC2, FLUSHOT = 2			
				First available in 1996			
FLUREACT	73	3	IND1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c don't like shots/needles
				11,078			. Inapplicable
				39			-8 Don't know
				362			1 Indicated
				5,599			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if RIC2, FLUSHOT = 2			
				First available in 1996			

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FLULOCAT	76	3	IND1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c unable get to location
				11,078			. Inapplicable
				39			-8 Don't know
				148			1 Indicated
				5,813			2 Not indicated
Notes: Applies only if RIC2, FLUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996							
FLUMISS	79	3	IND1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c missed, forgot, etc.
				11,078			. Inapplicable
				39			-8 Don't know
				659			1 Indicated
				5,302			2 Not indicated
Notes: Applies only if RIC2, FLUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996							
FLUCOST	82	3	IND1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c shot not worth cost
				11,078			. Inapplicable
				39			-8 Don't know
				49			1 Indicated
				5,912			2 Not indicated
Notes: Applies only if RIC2, FLUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996							
FLUBEFOR	85	3	IND1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c had before/no need again
				11,078			. Inapplicable
				39			-8 Don't know
				48			1 Indicated
				5,913			2 Not indicated
Notes: Applies only if RIC2, FLUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996							
FLUOTHER	88	3	IND1FMT		HS14a		N No flu shot b/c other reason
				11,078			. Inapplicable
				39			-8 Don't know
				237			1 Indicated
				5,724			2 Not indicated
Notes: Applies only if RIC2, FLUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996							
PNEUSHOT	91	2	YES2FMT		HS15		N SP ever have shot for pneumonia
				245			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				8,493			1 Yes
				8,337			2 No

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PNUNEEED	93	3	IND1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c didn't know was needed
				8,786			. Inapplicable
				51			-8 Don't know
				5,333			1 Indicated
				2,908			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			
PNUCAUSE	96	3	IND1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c could cause pneumonia
				8,786			. Inapplicable
				51			-8 Don't know
				308			1 Indicated
				7,933			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			
PNUSIDE	99	3	IND1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c could have side effects
				8,786			. Inapplicable
				51			-8 Don't know
				266			1 Indicated
				7,975			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			
PNUPRVNT	102	3	IND1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c no think prevent pneu.
				8,786			. Inapplicable
				51			-8 Don't know
				383			1 Indicated
				7,858			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			
PNURISK	105	3	IND1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c not at risk of catching
				8,786			. Inapplicable
				51			-8 Don't know
				400			1 Indicated
				7,841			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			
PNUDOCNO	108	3	IND1FMT		HS15a		N No pneu shot b/c Dr didn't recommend it
				8,786			. Inapplicable
				51			-8 Don't know
				1,014			1 Indicated
				7,227			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			

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PNUAGNST	111	3	IND1FMT	HS15a			N No pneu shot b/c Dr against/allergic to
				8,786			. Inapplicable
				51			-8 Don't know
				92			1 Indicated
				8,149			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			
PNUREACT	114	3	IND1FMT	HS15a			N No pneu shot b/c dont like shots/needles
				8,786			. Inapplicable
				51			-8 Don't know
				232			1 Indicated
				8,009			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			
PNULOCAT	117	3	IND1FMT	HS15a			N No pneu shot b/c unable get to location
				8,786			. Inapplicable
				51			-8 Don't know
				67			1 Indicated
				8,174			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			
PNUMISS	120	3	IND1FMT	HS15a			N No pneu shot b/c missed, forgot, etc.
				8,786			. Inapplicable
				51			-8 Don't know
				592			1 Indicated
				7,649			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			
PNUCOST	123	3	IND1FMT	HS15a			N No pneu shot b/c shot not worth cost
				8,786			. Inapplicable
				51			-8 Don't know
				21			1 Indicated
				8,220			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			
PNUOTHER	126	3	IND1FMT	HS15a			N No pneu shot b/c other reason
				8,786			. Inapplicable
				51			-8 Don't know
				159			1 Indicated
				8,082			2 Not indicated
				Notes: Applies only if PNEUSHOT = 2 First available in 1996			



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EVERSMOK	129	2	YES2FMT		HS16		N SP ever smoked cigarettes/cigars/tobacco
				5			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				10,032			1 Yes
				7,039			2 No
SMOKNOW	131	2	YES1FMT		HS17		N Does SP smoke now?
				7,057			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				6			-8 Don't know
				2,563			1 Yes
				7,451			2 No
Note: Inapplicable if EVERSMOK = 2							
DIFSTOOP	133	2	DIF2FMT		HS18		N Difficulty stooping/crouching/kneeling
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				9			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				5,079			1 No Difficulty
				3,797			2 Little Difficulty
				2,891			3 Some Difficulty
				3,155			4 Lot of Difficulty
				2,122			5 Unable to do it
DIFLIFT	135	2	DIF2FMT		HS19		N Difficulty lifting/carrying 10 pounds
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				24			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				9,954			1 No Difficulty
				2,224			2 Little Difficulty
				1,604			3 Some Difficulty
				1,420			4 Lot of Difficulty
				1,827			5 Unable to do it
DIFREACH	137	2	DIF2FMT		HS20		N Difficulty extending arms above shoulder
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				18			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				11,825			1 No Difficulty
				2,047			2 Little Difficulty
				1,464			3 Some Difficulty
				1,126			4 Lot of Difficulty
				573			5 Unable to do it

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DIFWRITE	139	2	DIF2FMT		HS21		N Difficulty writing/handling object
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				14			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				11,959			1 No Difficulty
				2,411			2 Little Difficulty
				1,460			3 Some Difficulty
				940			4 Lot of Difficulty
				269			5 Unable to do it
DIFWALK	141	2	DIF2FMT		HS22		N Difficulty walking 1/4 mi. or 2-3 blocks
				20			. Missing
				3			-9 Not ascertained
				21			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				8,743			1 No Difficulty
				2,021			2 Little Difficulty
				1,665			3 Some Difficulty
				1,723			4 Lot of Difficulty
				2,879			5 Unable to do it
OCARTERY	143	2	YES2FMT		HS23a		N Ever told had hardening of arteries
				44			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,888			1 Yes
				15,144			2 No
OCHBP	145	2	YES2FMT		HS23b		N Ever told had hypertension/hi blood pres
				18			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				8,888			1 Yes
				8,169			2 No
OCMYOCAR	147	2	YES2FMT		HS23c		N Ever told had myocard infarct/hrt attack
				19			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,425			1 Yes
				14,631			2 No
OCCHD	149	2	YES2FMT		HS23d		N Ever told had angina pectoris/chd
				34			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,412			1 Yes
				14,629			2 No
OCOTHART	151	2	YES2FMT		HS23e		N Ever told had other heart conditions
				36			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				4,526			1 Yes
				12,513			2 No

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OCCPROST	167	2	YES1FMT		HS23i		N Body part w/cancer--prostate
				14,278			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				501			1 Yes
				2,294			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCBLAD	169	2	YES1FMT		HS23i		N Body part w/cancer--bladder
				14,278			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				134			1 Yes
				2,661			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCOVARY	171	2	YES1FMT		HS23i		N Body part w/cancer--ovary
				14,278			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				107			1 Yes
				2,688			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCSTOM	173	2	YES1FMT		HS23i		N Body part w/cancer--stomach
				14,278			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				103			1 Yes
				2,692			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCCERVX	175	2	YES1FMT		HS23i		N Body part w/cancer--cervix
				14,278			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				91			1 Yes
				2,704			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			
OCCCKIDNY	177	2	YES1FMT		HS23i		N Body part w/cancer--kidney
				14,278			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				65			1 Yes
				2,732			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1			

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OCCBRAIN	179	2	YES1FMT		HS23i		N Body part w/cancer--brain
				14,278			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				34			1 Yes
				2,763			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCCTHROA	181	2	YES1FMT		HS23i		N Body part w/cancer--throat
				14,278			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				74			1 Yes
				2,723			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCCBACK	183	2	YES1FMT		HS23i		N Body part w/cancer--back
				14,278			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				37			1 Yes
				2,760			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCCHEAD	185	2	YES1FMT		HS23i		N Body part w/cancer--head
				14,278			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				24			1 Yes
				2,773			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCCFONEC	187	2	YES1FMT		HS23i		N Body part w/cancer-female organs
				14,278			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				14			1 Yes
				2,783			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCCOTHER	189	2	YES1FMT		HS23i		N Body part w/cancer--other
				14,278			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				500			1 Yes
				2,295			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCCANCER = 1							
OCDIABTS	191	2	YES2FMT		HS23j		N Ever told had diabetes/hi blood sugar
				7			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,633			1 Yes
				14,435			2 No

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OCARTH	193	2	YES2FMT		HS23k		N Ever told had rheumatoid arthritis
				49			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,885			1 Yes
				15,141			2 No
OCARTH	195	2	YES2FMT		HS23l		N Ever told had non-rheumatoid arthritis
				49			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				9,054			1 Yes
				7,972			2 No
OCAARM	197	2	YES1FMT		HS23m		N Body part w/arthritis-arm/hand/shoulder
				8,024			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				4,815			1 Yes
				4,237			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1			
OCAFEET	199	2	YES1FMT		HS23m		N Body part w/arthritis-hip/knee/feet/leg
				8,024			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				4,961			1 Yes
				4,091			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1			
OCABACK	201	2	YES1FMT		HS23m		N Body part w/had arthritis-back
				8,024			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				2,622			1 Yes
				6,430			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1			
OCANECK	203	2	YES1FMT		HS23m		N Body part w/arthritis-neck
				8,024			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				1,019			1 Yes
				8,033			2 No
				Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1			

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OCAALOVR	205	2	YES1FMT		HS23m		N Body part w/arthritis-all over/joints
				8,024			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				1,526			1 Yes
				7,526			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1							
OCAOTHER	207	2	YES1FMT		HS23m		N Body part w/arthritis-other
				8,024			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				1			-8 Don't know
				52			1 Yes
				9,000			2 No
Note: Applies only if OCARTH = 1							
OCMENTAL	209	2	YES2FMT		HS23n		N Ever told had mental retardation
				18			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				398			1 Yes
				16,658			2 No
OCALZHMR	211	2	YES2FMT		HS23o		N Ever told had Alzheimer's/dementia
				8			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				408			1 Yes
				16,659			2 No
OCPSYCH	213	2	YES2FMT		HS23p		N Ever told had mental/psychiatric disord
				13			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,391			1 Yes
				15,671			2 No
OCOSTEOP	215	2	YES2FMT		HS23q		N Ever told had osteoporosis/soft bones
				25			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,907			1 Yes
				15,143			2 No
OCBRKHIP	217	2	YES2FMT		HS23r		N Ever told had broken hip
				8			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				748			1 Yes
				16,319			2 No
OCPARKIN	219	2	YES2FMT		HS23s		N Ever told had Parkinson's disease
				8			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				230			1 Yes
				16,837			2 No

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OCEMPHYS	221	2	YES2FMT		HS23t		N Ever told had emphysema/asthma/COPD
				10			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,461			1 Yes
				14,604			2 No
OCPPARAL	223	2	YES2FMT		HS23u		N Ever told had complete/partial paralysis
				6			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				926			1 Yes
				16,143			2 No
OCAMPUTE	225	2	YES2FMT		HS23v		N Ever lost an arm or leg
				4			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				219			1 Yes
				16,853			2 No



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EMCAUSC1	227	2	CAUSFMT		HS25		N 1st cause of Medicare eligibility
				14,391			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				12			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				212			1 Back/spine/disc
				63			2 Severe eyesight loss
				33			3 Severe hearing loss
				67			4 Kidney/renal failure
				52			5 Seizure disorder
				58			6 Car/bike/train accident
				41			7 Multiple sclerosis
				9			8 Muscular dystrophy
				15			9 Cerebral palsy
				8			10 Broken bones
				30			11 Hardening of the arteries
				93			12 High blood pressure
				75			13 Myocardial infarction
				47			14 Angina pectoris
				38			15 Other heart condition
				100			16 Stroke
				2			17 New occurrence of skin cancer
				59			18 Cancer or tumor
				50			19 Diabetes
				98			20 Rheumatoid arthritis
				101			21 Other arthritis
				260			22 Mental retardation
				5			23 Alzheimer's disease
				525			24 Mental disorder
				12			25 Osteoporosis
				20			26 Broken hip
				2			27 Parkinson's disease
				61			28 Emphysema or asthma
				98			29 Partial paralysis
				14			30 Loss of limb
				0			31 Cong heart failure
				0			32 Probs w/ hrt valves
				0			33 Heartbeat rhythm
				0			65 Gained entitlement at 65
				424			91 Other

Note: Applies if SP is under age 65 at the time of the initial MCBS interview

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EMCAUSC2	229	2	CAUSFMT		HS25		N 2nd cause of Medicare eligibility
				16,700			. Inapplicable
				6			1 Back/spine/disc
				2			2 Severe eyesight loss
				1			3 Severe hearing loss
				0			4 Kidney/renal failure
				3			5 Seizure disorder
				4			6 Car/bike/train accident
				0			7 Multiple sclerosis
				1			8 Muscular dystrophy
				2			9 Cerebral palsy
				1			10 Broken bones
				0			11 Hardening of the arteries
				9			12 High blood pressure
				15			13 Myocardial infarction
				32			14 Angina pectoris
				29			15 Other heart condition
				11			16 Stroke
				1			17 New occurrence of skin cancer
				2			18 Cancer or tumor
				29			19 Diabetes
				9			20 Rheumatoid arthritis
				30			21 Other arthritis
				9			22 Mental retardation
				0			23 Alzheimer's disease
				71			24 Mental disorder
				9			25 Osteoporosis
				6			26 Broken hip
				0			27 Parkinson's disease
				23			28 Emphysema or asthma
				28			29 Partial paralysis
				6			30 Loss of limb
				0			31 Cong heart failure
				0			32 Probs w/ hrt valves
				0			33 Heartbeat rhythm
				0			65 Gained entitlement at 65
				39			91 Other

Note: Applies only if SP has more than one cause for Medicare eligibility

PRBTELE	231	2	ADL2FMT		HS27a		N Any difficulty using telephone
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				6			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,217			1 Yes
				15,488			2 No
				343			3 Doesn't Do
PRBLHWK	233	2	ADL2FMT		HS27b		N Any difficulty doing light housework
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				6			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,548			1 Yes
				14,047			2 No
				1,453			3 Doesn't Do

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PRBHHWK	235	2	ADL2FMT		HS27c		N Any difficulty doing heavy housework
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				11			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				3,749			1 Yes
				9,740			2 No
				3,554			3 Doesn't Do
PRBMEAL	237	2	ADL2FMT		HS27d		N Any difficulty preparing meals
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				8			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,311			1 Yes
				14,097			2 No
				1,638			3 Doesn't Do
PRBSHOP	239	2	ADL2FMT		HS27e		N Any difficulty shopping 4 personal item
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				6			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				2,013			1 Yes
				13,678			2 No
				1,357			3 Doesn't Do
PRBBILS	241	2	ADL2FMT		HS27f		N Any difficulty with managing money
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				8			-8 Don't know
				2			-7 Refused
				1,178			1 Yes
				14,705			2 No
				1,163			3 Doesn't Do
DONTTELE	243	2	YES1FMT		HS28a		N Don't use telephone b/c health prob
				16,735			. Inapplicable
				255			1 Yes
				88			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBTELE = 3							
DONTLHWK	245	2	YES1FMT		HS28b		N Don't do light housewrk b/c health prob
				15,625			. Inapplicable
				909			1 Yes
				544			2 No

Note: Applies only if PRBTELE = 3

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DONTHHWK	247	2	YES1FMT		HS28c		N Don't do heavy housewrk b/c health prob
				13,524			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				2,326			1 Yes
				1,227			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBHHWK = 3							
DONTMEAL	249	2	YES1FMT		HS28d		N Don't prepare meals b/c health prob
				15,440			. Inapplicable
				795			1 Yes
				843			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBMEAL = 3							
DONTSHOP	251	2	YES1FMT		HS28e		N Don't do shopping b/c health prob
				15,721			. Inapplicable
				1,066			1 Yes
				291			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBSHOP = 3							
DONTBILS	253	2	YES1FMT		HS28f		N Don't manage money b/c health prob
				15,915			. Inapplicable
				752			1 Yes
				411			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBBILS = 3							
HELPTELE	255	2	YES1FMT		HS29a		N Receives help w/ telephone
				15,606			. Inapplicable
				750			1 Yes
				722			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBTELE = 1 or DONTTELE = 1							
HELPLHWK	257	2	YES1FMT		HS29b		N Receives help w/ light housework
				14,621			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				2,061			1 Yes
				394			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBLHWK = 1 or DONTLHWK = 1							
HELPHHWK	259	2	YES1FMT		HS29c		N Receives help w/ heavy housework
				11,003			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				4,759			1 Yes
				1,314			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBHHWK = 1 or DONTHHWK = 1							

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HELPMEAL	261	2	YES1FMT		HS29d		N Receives help w/ preparing meals
				14,972			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				1,785			1 Yes
				319			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBMEAL = 1 or DONTMEAL = 1							
HELPSHOP	263	2	YES1FMT		HS29e		N Receives help w/ shopping
				13,999			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				2,743			1 Yes
				335			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBSHOP = 1 or DONTSHOP = 1							
HELPBILS	265	2	YES1FMT		HS29f		N Receives help w/ managing money
				15,148			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				1,763			1 Yes
				165			2 No
Note: Applies only if PRBBILS = 1 or DONTBILS = 1							
HPDPBATH	267	2	ADL2FMT		HS31a		N Any difficulty bathing/showering
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				6			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,165			1 Yes
				14,771			2 No
				111			3 Doesn't Do
HPDDRES	269	2	ADL2FMT		HS31b		N Any difficulty dressing
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,379			1 Yes
				15,592			2 No
				77			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDEAT	271	2	ADL2FMT		HS31c		N Any difficulty eating
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				6			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				543			1 Yes
				16,484			2 No
				20			3 Doesn't Do

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HPPDCHAR	273	2	ADL2FMT		HS31d		N Any difficulty get in/out of bed/chair
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				2,521			1 Yes
				14,454			2 No
				73			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDWALK	275	2	ADL2FMT		HS31e		N Any difficulty walking
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				5			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				4,295			1 Yes
				12,484			2 No
				269			3 Doesn't Do
HPPDTOIL	277	2	ADL2FMT		HS31f		N Any difficulty using the toilet
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				7			-8 Don't know
				3			-7 Refused
				1,023			1 Yes
				15,968			2 No
				55			3 Doesn't Do
DONTBATH	279	2	YES1FMT		HS31aa		N Don't bathe/shower b/c health prob
				16,967			. Inapplicable
				108			1 Yes
				3			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if HPPDBATH = 3			
				First available in 1992			
DONTDRES	281	2	YES1FMT		HS31ba		N Don't dress b/c health prob
				17,001			. Inapplicable
				76			1 Yes
				1			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if HPPDDRES = 3			
				First available in 1992			
DONTEAT	283	2	YES1FMT		HS31ca		N Don't eat b/c health prob
				17,058			. Inapplicable
				19			1 Yes
				1			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if HPPDEAT = 3			
				First available in 1992			

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DONTCHAR	285	2	YES1FMT		HS31da		N Don't get in/out bed/chair b/c hlth prob
				17,005			. Inapplicable
				73			1 Yes
				0			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if HPPDCHAR = 3 First available in 1992			
DONTWALK	287	2	YES1FMT		HS31ea		N Don't walk b/c health prob
				16,809			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				265			1 Yes
				3			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if HPPDWALK = 3 First available in 1992			
DONTTOIL	289	2	YES1FMT		HS31fa		N Don't use toilet b/c health prob
				17,023			. Inapplicable
				55			1 Yes
				0			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if HPPDTOIL = 3 First available in 1992			
HELPBATH	291	2	YES1FMT		HS32a		N Receives help w/ bathing/showering
				14,805			. Inapplicable
				1,276			1 Yes
				997			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDBATH = 1 or DONTBATH = 1			
HELPDRES	293	2	YES1FMT		HS32b		N Receives help w/ dressing
				15,623			. Inapplicable
				938			1 Yes
				517			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDDRES = 1 or DONTDRES = 1			
HELPEAT	295	2	YES1FMT		HS32c		N Receives help w/ eating
				16,516			. Inapplicable
				211			1 Yes
				351			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDEAT = 1 or DONTEAT = 1			
HELPCHAR	297	2	YES1FMT		HS32d		N Receives help w/ get in/out of bed/chair
				14,484			. Inapplicable
				757			1 Yes
				1,837			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDCHAR = 1 or DONTCHAR = 1			

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HELPWALK	299	2	YES1FMT		HS32e		N Receives help w/ walking
				12,518			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				838			1 Yes
				3,721			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDWALK = 1 or DONTWALK = 1			
HELPTOIL	301	2	YES1FMT		HS32f		N Receives help w/ using toilet
				16,000			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				412			1 Yes
				665			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDTOIL = 1 or DONTTOIL = 1			
PCHKBATH	303	2	YES1FMT		HS33a		N Person nearby while bathing/showering
				16,081			. Inapplicable
				173			1 Yes
				824			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPBATH = 2			
PCHKDRES	305	2	YES1FMT		HS33b		N Person nearby while dressing
				16,561			. Inapplicable
				72			1 Yes
				445			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPDRES = 2			
PCHKPEAT	307	2	YES1FMT		HS33c		N Person nearby while eating
				16,727			. Inapplicable
				65			1 Yes
				286			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPEAT = 2			
PCHKCHAR	309	2	YES1FMT		HS33d		N Person nearby when get in/out bed/chair
				15,241			. Inapplicable
				200			1 Yes
				1,637			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPCHAR = 2			
PCHKWALK	311	2	YES1FMT		HS33e		N Person nearby while walking
				13,356			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				459			1 Yes
				3,262			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPWALK = 2			



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PCHKTOIL	313	2	YES1FMT		HS33f		N Person nearby while using toilet
				16,412			. Inapplicable
				1			-9 Not ascertained
				87			1 Yes
				578			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HELPTOIL = 2			
EQIPBATH	315	2	YES1FMT		HS34a		N Use equipment to help bathe/shower
				14,805			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				1,239			1 Yes
				1,032			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDBATH = 1 or DONTBATH = 1			
EQIPDRES	317	2	YES1FMT		HS34b		N Use equipment to help dress
				15,623			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				160			1 Yes
				1,294			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDDRES = 1 or DONTDRES = 1			
EQUIPEAT	319	2	YES1FMT		HS34c		N Use equipment to help eat
				16,516			. Inapplicable
				83			1 Yes
				479			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDEAT = 1 or DONTEAT = 1			
EQIPCHAR	321	2	YES1FMT		HS34d		N Use equipment to get in/out bed/chair
				14,484			. Inapplicable
				1,171			1 Yes
				1,423			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDCHAR = 1 or DONTCHAR = 1			
EQIPWALK	323	2	YES1FMT		HS34e		N Use equipment to help walk
				12,518			. Inapplicable
				2,622			1 Yes
				1,938			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDWALK = 1 or DONTWALK = 1			
EQIPTOIL	325	2	YES1FMT		HS34f		N Use equipment to help use toilet
				16,000			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				681			1 Yes
				395			2 No
				Note: Applies only if HPPDTOIL = 1 or DONTTOIL = 1			

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LONGBATH	327	2	LONGFMT		HS34aa		N How long needed help to bathe/shower
				15,802			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				106			1 Less than 3 months
				256			2 3 months to 1 year
				913			3 More than 1 year
				Notes: Applies only if HELPBATH = 1 First available in 1996			
LONGDRES	329	2	LONGFMT		HS34ba		N How long needed help to dress
				16,140			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				79			1 Less than 3 months
				180			2 3 months to 1 year
				678			3 More than 1 year
				Notes: Applies only if HELPDRES = 1 First available in 1996			
LONGEAT	331	2	LONGFMT		HS34ca		N How long needed help to eat
				16,867			. Inapplicable
				17			1 Less than 3 months
				35			2 3 months to 1 year
				159			3 More than 1 year
				Notes: Applies only if HELPEAT = 1 First available in 1996			
LONGCHAR	333	2	LONGFMT		HS34da		N How long need help get in/out bed/chair
				16,321			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				48			1 Less than 3 months
				131			2 3 months to 1 year
				577			3 More than 1 year
				Notes: Applies only if HELPCHAR = 1 First available in 1996			
LONGWALK	335	2	LONGFMT		HS34ea		N How long needed help to walk
				16,240			. Inapplicable
				1			-8 Don't know
				62			1 Less than 3 months
				159			2 3 months to 1 year
				616			3 More than 1 year
				Notes: Applies only if HELPWALK = 1 First available in 1996			

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LONGTOIL	337	2	LONGFMT		HS34fa		N How long needed help to use toilet
				16,666			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				29			1 Less than 3 months
				75			2 3 months to 1 year
				306			3 More than 1 year
				Notes: Applies only if HELPTOIL = 1 First available in 1996			
STILBATH	339	2	YES1FMT		HS34ab		N Need help 3 mos from now w/ bathe/shower
				16,972			. Inapplicable
				8			-8 Don't know
				66			1 Yes
				32			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if LONGBATH = 1 First available in 1996			
STILDRES	341	2	YES1FMT		HS34bb		N Need help 3 mos from now w/ dressing
				16,999			. Inapplicable
				3			-8 Don't know
				52			1 Yes
				24			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if LONGDRES = 1 First available in 1996			
STILEAT	343	2	YES1FMT		HS34cb		N Need help 3 mos from now w/ eating
				17,061			. Inapplicable
				2			-8 Don't know
				15			1 Yes
				0			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if LONGEAT = 1 First available in 1996			
STILCHAR	345	2	YES1FMT		HS34db		N Need help 3 mos w/ get in/out bed/chair
				17,030			. Inapplicable
				5			-8 Don't know
				33			1 Yes
				10			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if LONGCHAR = 1 First available in 1996			
STILWALK	347	2	YES1FMT		HS34eb		N Need help 3 mos from now w/ walking
				17,016			. Inapplicable
				8			-8 Don't know
				40			1 Yes
				14			2 No
				Notes: Applies only if LONGWALK = 1 First available in 1996			

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STILTOIL	349	2	YES1FMT		HS34fb		N Need help 3 mos from now w/ using toilet
				17,049			. Inapplicable
				4			-8 Don't know
				18			1 Yes
				7			2 No

Notes: Applies only if LONGTOIL = 1  
First available in 1996

D_ADLHNM	351	2	HELPRFMT		HS30, 35		N Number of IADL & ADL helpers
				7,949			. Inapplicable
				7,062			1 1 helper
				1,524			2 2 helpers
				391			3 3 helpers
				95			4 4 helpers
				57			5 or more helpers

Note: Applies only if SP has at least one ADL or IADL

D_ADLHRL	353	2	RELFMT				N Primary helper's relationship to SP
				16,793			. Inapplicable
				0			-5 Never ask again
				0			1 Sample person
				46			2 Spouse
				26			3 Son
				76			4 Daughter
				2			5 Brother
				7			6 Sister
				5			7 Father
				10			8 Mother
				0			9 Son-in-law
				8			10 Daughter-in-law
				2			11 Grandson
				8			12 Granddaughter
				4			13 Nephew
				4			14 Niece
				1			50 Partner/roommate
				8			51 Friend/neighbor
				0			52 Boarder
				19			53 Nurse/nurses aide
				0			54 Legal/financial officer
				0			55 Guardian
				6			91 Other relative
				53			92 Other non-relative

Note: See Notes for derivation

D_ADLHDB	355	6					C Date of birth of primary helper
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Note: See Notes for derivation

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MEMLOSS	361	3	YES2FMT		HS36a		N Memory loss interfere w/ daily activity
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				30			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,297			1 Yes
				14,725			2 No
Note: First available in 1996							
PROBDECS	364	3	YES2FMT		HS36b		N Problem make decisions interferes w/ADLs
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				32			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				1,649			1 Yes
				15,371			2 No
Note: First available in 1996							
TROBCONC	367	3	YES2FMT		HS36c		N SP has trouble concentrating
				20			. Missing
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				26			-8 Don't know
				4			-7 Refused
				2,711			1 Yes
				14,315			2 No
Note: First available in 1996							
LOSTURIN	370	2	URIFMT		HS37		N How often lost urine control last 12 mos
				20			. Inapplicable
				2			-9 Not ascertained
				87			-8 Don't know
				8			-7 Refused
				1,274			1 More than once a week
				431			2 About once a week
				419			3 2-3 times a month
				325			4 About once a month
				323			5 Every 2-3 months
				522			6 1-2 Times a year
				13,533			7 Not at all
				134			8 Dialysis/catheterized